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and it is complained that they are out of order. May I know the steps taken by the Government to see that all these defects are rectified?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"It is not merely the Plant Protection Officer but also the Demonstrators that are expected to go round in order to advise the ryots regarding prevention as well as treatment of such diseases. As for sprayers, I have already answered that the Government have purchased more sprayers for distribution among the various depots."

SRI S. PANCHAKSHARAM :—"Is this pest attack common all over the State or is it peculiar only to some districts in the State?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"There are various kinds of pests and these pests do come in frequently."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—"May I know whether this is a mapor pest or a minor pest, ferocious or mild pest?"

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—"I do not have that kind of research mind and I have not gone into that aspect."

Reservoir for irrigation purposes in Malabar.

* 1164 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar): Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have conducted any survey of the possibilities of forming artificial lakes in Malabar fit for irrigational purposes; and

(*b*) if so, with what result?

THE HON. SRI R. SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—"(*a*) Yes.

"(*b*) The execution of the Malampuzha, Walayar and Mangalam Reservoir Projects has already been taken up and the works are in progress. The question of taking up three other reservoir projects, i.e., Kanhirapuzha, Meenakarai and Palakazhipuzha, is under consideration."

Bhavanagar Maharaja Tuberculosis Fund

* 1165 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) how the Government have spent money out of the Bhavanagar Maharaja Tuberculosis Fund; and

(*b*) how many Tuberculosis patients received relief from this Fund?